United Nations Military Observers

384. SHRI CHAMAN LAL GUPTA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :.

(a) whether United Nations Military Observers are operating in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, the details indicating the number of such observers and their utility;

(c) whether these Observers frequently cross the Line of Control and border with Pakistan in Jammu area without any check;

(d) whether Government have received any complaints that these Observers are indulging in smuggling of contrabands and other unlawful activities; and

(e) if so, the steps taken to check such activities ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL) : (a) to (e) The United Nations Military Observer Group for India and Pakistan (UNMOGIP) have 15 observers stationed in Jammu and Kashmir. India does not recognise the role of UNMOGIP following the signing of the Simla Agreement in 1972, which commits India and Pakistan to resolve all issues bilaterally. The UNMOGIP observers are however allowed to function and carry out duties along the Line of Control. For crossing the border and in performing their duties the observers are required to strictly adhere to Indian rules and regulations. No substantiated reports about violation of our customs regime have been received.

[Translation]

Potentiality of Irrigation System

385. SHRI SHIVRAJ SINGH : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have formulated any policy to increase the potentiality of the irrigation systems upto its optimum level;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the financial implications;

(c) whether huge investments have been made in the irrigation sector in the recent past;

(d) if so, the details of profit earned from the irrigation sector during the last three years; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) and (b) Improving the performance of the irrigation systems has been reflected in the successive Five Year Plan documents of the Planning Commission as well as in the National Water Policy (1987). A number of programme/policy initiatives have been taken by the Government in this regard. These include implementation of centrally sponsored CAD Programme since 1974-75, preparation of draft guidelines on Irrigation Management Policy and promotion of Participatory Irrigation Management. An amount of Rs. 2568 Crores has been spent on CAD Programme upto the end of 7th Five Year Plan. The outlay for the CAD Programme proposed for the 8th Five year Plan is Rs. 2510 Crores.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. As against the total investment of Rs. 14225 Crores made under the irrigation sector from the beginning of the 1st Five year Plan to the end of the 7th Five Year Plan, the Plan outlay for the irrigation sector for the 8th Five Year Plan (1992-97) is of the order of Rs. 28392 Crores (excluding institutional investment). It is not possible to quantify the profit from the irrigation sector as the benefits from the irrigation projects are both direct and indirect. These benefits include increase in agricultural production, employment generation and poverty alleviation in rural areas besides reducing migration of rural poors to the urban areas.

(e) Does not arise.

Kendriya Vidyalayas in Uttar Pradesh

386. SHRI D.P. YADAV :
SHRI SOHANBEER :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Kendriya Vidyalayas functioning in Uttar Pradesh at present;

(b) the target fixed for opening more Kendriya Vidyalayas during 1997-98;

(c) the funds proposed to be allocated for the same;

(d) whether the proposal to open Kendriya Vidyalaya in Sambhal town of Uttar Pradesh is under consideration of the Government; and

(e) if so, the time by which it is likely to be opened ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA) : (a) At present 119 Kendriya Vidyalayas are functioning in Uttar Pradesh.

(b) and (c) The target is for opening of upto 20 Kendriya Vidyalayas during 1997-98, depending on receipt of complete proposals. The funds are allocated based on the total budget available for Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS).

(d) and (e) A request for opening of a Kendriya Vidyalaya at Sambhal has recently been received. District authorities have been requested to submit a proposal as per prescribed norms.